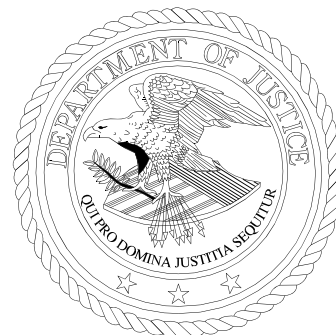


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CAMDEN – A Camden cocaine dealer was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison today for his role in a conspiracy that distributed in excess of 50 kilograms of cocaine in Camden, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr. announced.

U.S. District Judge Joseph E. Irenas also ordered Stephen Lindsey, 38, a.k.a. “Crush,” of Camden, to serve five years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison sentence. The defendant has been in custody since his guilty plea on August 12, 2008; bail was revoked at the defendant’s request so that he could begin serving his eventual sentence.

On May 31, 2007, law enforcement officials acknowledged for the first time that Camden drug leader Raymond Morales pleaded guilty in July 2005, admitting at that time that he contracted out six murders and the attempted murder of a witness. Since before the guilty plea, Morales, 37, of Camden, had been cooperating with federal law enforcement authorities. Morales, who was the leader of a major Camden cocaine drug-trafficking organization, pleaded guilty to a nine-count Superseding Information, which was unsealed on May 9, 2007, that charged him with six counts of ordering a murder in the furtherance of a Continuing Criminal Enterprise (“CCE”); one count of witness tampering by ordering the attempted murder of a witness; one count of distribution and possession with intent to distribute over 500 grams of cocaine; and one count of being a principal administrator of a CCE that operated in Camden from 1993 until 2003.

On that same day authorities announced Morales’ guilty plea, officials announced that earlier that same month, May 2007, five additional members of major Camden cocaine distribution organizations were arrested on two separate Indictments, which were returned on April 25, 2007. Lindsey was charged in one of those Indictments for his role in another Camden cocaine distribution organization that was headed by Mack Jones, 37, of Camden.

On Aug. 12, 2008, Lindsey pleaded guilty before Judge Irenas to one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of powder cocaine, and 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. At his plea hearing, Lindsey admitted that after Jones went to prison in January 2003, he and other members of Jones's drug-trafficking organization continued to purchase kilograms of cocaine from Morales. Lindsey admitted that between January and March 2003, the Jones organization obtained between 15 and 50 kilograms of cocaine from Morales' organization.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Irenas consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, was not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Marra credited Special Agents of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer, in Newark, and Investigators with the Camden County Prosecutor’s

Office Homicide Unit, along with member agencies of the Philadelphia/Camden HIDTA Task Force, under the direction of Camden County Prosecutor Warren W. Faulk, and ATF Philadelphia Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Mark Potter, with developing the investigation which resulted in the various Indictments.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Diana V. Carrig and Howard Wiener of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division in Camden.

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